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## *Octavius flavescens* (KISTNER) (Coleoptera, Staphylinidae) from Japan and Taiwan

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The genus *Octavius* FAUVEL, 1873 belongs to the subfamily Euaesthetinae of the family Staphylinidae, and at present comprises 244 species from the Palaearctic, Ethiopian, Madagascan, Oriental, Oceanic and Neotropical Regions (PUTHZ, 1977). However, until now this genus has been unknown from Japan. In this report, we would like to report the first species of the genus *Octavius*, namely *O. flavescens* (KISTNER, 1961) from Japan. In addition, we also report additional records of this species from Taiwan.

\* 106th contribution to the knowledge of Euaesthetinae.

*Octavius flavescens* (KISTNER, 1961)

(Figs. 1–5)

*Doletica flavescens* KISTNER, 1961, Parc Nat. Garamba. Miss. H. Saeger, *Bruxelles*, (21) (2): 20.*Octavius flavescens*: PUTHZ, 1980, *Revue suisse Zool.*, **87**: 749–751.

*Specimens examined.* [JAPAN]: 1 male: Okinawa Pref., W Ishigaki-jima, E slopes of Mt. Irabu, sifting decayed wood, 26–XI–2008, S. VIT (Museum Geneva); 2 males, 3 females: Ishigaki Is., Mt. Omotodake, 16–VI–1991, K. OGATA (NSMT: National Museum of Nature and Science, Tokyo, Japan; coll. PUTHZ); 1 male: Ishigaki Is., Mt. Bannadake, 18 to 22–IX–1981, K. MORIMOTO (NSMT); 1 female: Shikoku, Kagawa Pref., Kotohira-chô, Konpira-gu, 26–V–1998 (Tull.), H. MIZUSHIMA (coll. NAOMI); [TAIWAN]: 2 males, 1 female: Taitung Co., Rd. no. 9, Layeh (High Terrace), rotten staw, 400 m, 13–IV–2007, S. VIT (Mus. Geneva; coll. PUTHZ); 1 female: Taitung Co.: Rd. 24, Jhibhen, oppos. 1st Recr. area, litter of Canacea, 400 m, 12–IV–2007, S. VIT (Mus. Geneva); 1 male: Hualien Co., Rd. no. 23, km 14.5, mountain forest litter, 10–IV–2007, S. VIT (coll. PUTHZ).

*Distribution.* India, Indonesia (Sumatra), Thailand, Philippines, Taiwan, Japan (Shikoku: Kagawa; Okinawa: Ishigaki Is.).

*Remarks.* *Octavius flavescens* was first described from Sumatra by KISTNER (1961) based on 1 male and 5 females. And then, PUTHZ (1980) reported this species from Taiwan, Philippines and India. At present, it is known that this species is widely distributed in the Southeast Asia to East Asia except for Japan. The above records are new to the Japanese Archipelago. All the specimens of this species were collected under dead leaves, using sifter.

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